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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 15th, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: None. A listing of currently pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Appendix: Drawing page 1/6 of the pending application is attached for the Examiner's convenience following page 10 of this paper, and is referenced by the Remarks herein.

Applicant believes that the filing of this paper is within the allotted shortened statutory period for reply. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for an extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application, and charge Deposit Account No. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.